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As a move in support of the stand taken on the subject of the Oder-Neisse border by the chairmen of the CDU, Jakob Kaiser and Ernst Lemmer, the Party Executive Committee is considering the proposal of a law by CDU representatives in Berlin and throughout the Russian zone which would permit every German to refuse to perform any type of military service. If such a law were passed by all states and provinces in Germany, no foreign power could claim that it was threatened by a revival of Germany's strength and therefore feel justified in impeding her reconstruction and reducing her boundaries.

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Comment: The proposed legislation is calculated not only to provide a basis for demanding border readjustments, but to cause the SED embarrassment. If the SED should oppose the law, the other parties will be able to accuse it of militarism; if the SED supports the law in the Russian Zone and it is approved throughout the rest of Germany, it will be possible to begin agitation for a revision of the eastern boundary, again placing the SED in an unenviable position.)

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